Broadband Update – March 2019

The Openreach Senior Project Manager and CC Project Manager have confirmed that the previously announced plans for delivery of high-speed-broadband in Welton & surrounding areas have now been modified to provide installation of a 'full fibre' solution instead of the former proposal to install a fibre cabinet in the village this year. These 'full fibre' solutions are normally quicker to deploy because no separate power source is required, although they may require a number of new telegraph poles to be erected. The greatest benefit of a 'full fibre' system is that it is future proof, i.e. it is gigabit capable (1,000Mbps), and not just limited to supplying between 24Mbps and 80Mbps that a fibre cabinet provides.

These solutions are part of concrete proposals from Openreach, and are awaiting approval from BDUK. CC have confirmed they are trying to get a head start on deployment so that they can hit the ground running next quarter and that the Welton area is a priority, although it is too early to say when exactly the new structure will go live.